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Judge Questions Cash In Purse Of Hunt's Wife

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP)—Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. failed to satisfy a Maryland judge's questions about the \$10,505 found in his wife's purse after a Chicago plan crash last December.

The matter is now holding up final action on the settlement of Dorothy Hunt's estate, according to Mrs. Winifred E. Scott, registrar of wills in Montgomery County.

Mrs. Scott said Tuesday that Hunt filed an account of his wife's estate March 16, while asking to be removed as executor in favor of columnist William F. Buckley Jr.

Convicted criminals are prohibited by Maryland law from serving as executors. "When Mr. Hunt pleaded guilty, it was my duty to refer the matter to the court," she said.

Judge Ralph Shure of the Montgomery County Circuit Court subsequently ordered Hunt on Jan. 28 to show cause why he should not be removed as executor after Buckley filed a petition asking to be named to the task.

In a reply filed March 16, Hunt asked to be removed and submitted the required accounting, Mrs. Scott said.

The judge rejected Hunt's accounting because it did not include the money found in Mrs. Hunt's purse after the United Air Lines jet crashed at Midway Airport Dec. 8, Mrs. Scott said.